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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This document is being submitted to summarize the interview between the undersigned and the examiner on September 15, 2005. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy extended to Applicant's attorney during the telephone interview. Examiner Raymond W. Addie and Applicant's attorney, Susan Bell, participated in the interview. U.S. Patent No. 5,258,961 to Sehr et al. (Sehr), U.S. Patent No. 6,554,080 to Horner et al. (Horner), U.S. Patent No. 5,201,604 to Ferguson et al. (Ferguson), U.S. Patent No. 4,924,374 to Middleton et al. (Middleton), and U.S. Patent No. 6,079,901 to Banks (Banks) were discussed. Applicant proposed amendments to claim 1 and pointed out the differences between Applicant's invention and what was disclosed by Sehr, Horner, Ferguson, Middleton and Banks. More specifically, Applicant's attorney and the Examiner discussed that the framework of the drag box of the

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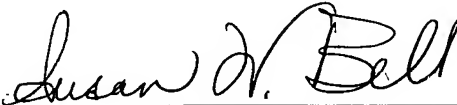
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present invention is pulled behind a prime mover so as to have floating vertical movement independent of the prime mover. In addition, the differences between a blade and a screed were discussed and FIG. 6 of the present application, which shows a blade, was discussed. The Examiner suggested an additional limitation be added about the connecting structure between the drag box and the prime mover. No agreement was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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